

appointed terms ending on December 15, 2004.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation while attending meetings. The Council holds two face-to-face meetings each year, generally in the Spring and Fall. Additionally, members may be asked to serve on one of the Council's working groups that are formed each year to assist the EPA in major program issue development. These meetings are held approximately four times a year, with two meetings by conference call.

Nominations should be submitted to Janet Pawlukiewicz, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460, no later than October 30, 2001. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to pawlukiewicz.janet@epa.gov or call 202/260-9194.

Janet Pawlukiewicz,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; "Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the FY 2002 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposal deadlines, revised guidelines.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will begin to accept proposals for the FY 2002 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots on

September 20, 2001 (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 66811). The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots (each may be funded up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity) enable States, Indian Tribes, and political subdivisions to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields properties. The pilots test revolving loan fund models that assist with the coordination of public and private cleanup efforts. EPA expects to select up to 25 additional Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots by March 2002. The deadline for new proposals for the FY 2002 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots is *November 15, 2001*. All proposals must be postmarked by USPS, or delivered at U.S. EPA Headquarters by other means, no later than November 15, 2001 and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.

The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilot cooperative agreements are selected on a competitive basis. Specific proposal requirements for applicants are set forth in the newly revised guidelines, entitled *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund* (August 2001). Applicants should follow the Guidelines in order to ensure the application they submit complies with those requirements. Details on how to obtain a copy of the Guidelines are set forth in the Addresses section.

To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the Guidelines. Regional panels make recommendations to EPA senior management. Final award decisions are made by EPA senior management, and may take into account policy considerations such as geographic distribution of funds.

DATES: All proposals must be sent via registered or tracked (return receipt) mail and postmarked by USPS no later than November 15, 2001. Proposals must be sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office. Applicants may also send their proposals by commercial delivery service provided the proposals arrive at U.S. EPA Headquarters and the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office on or before close of business on November 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mailing addresses for U.S. EPA Headquarters and U.S. EPA

Regional Offices are provided in the Proposal Guidelines.

Obtaining Proposal Guidelines:

The Proposal Guidelines are available via the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>.

Copies of the Proposal Guidelines will also be mailed upon request. Requests should be made by calling the U.S. EPA Call Center at the following numbers:

Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810

Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346

TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672

In order to ensure that the Guidelines are received in time to be used in the preparation of the proposal, applicants should request a copy as soon as possible and in any event no later than seven (7) working days before the proposal due date. Applicants who request copies after that date might not receive the proposal guidelines in time to prepare and submit a responsive proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, Barbara Bassuener (202) 260-9347 or Jennifer Millett Wilbur (202) 260-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, local governments, communities, and other stakeholders involved in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, and safely cleanup brownfields in order to facilitate their sustainable reuse. As part of this Initiative, EPA may award cooperative agreements to States, political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and Indian tribes to capitalize Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots. The purpose of these pilots is to test brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund models that direct special efforts toward facilitating coordinated public and private brownfields cleanup efforts.

In FY 2002, the EPA expects to select up to 25 new BCRLF pilots to be funded up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity by March 2002.

Eligible entities for FY 2002 BCRLF pilots will be states, political subdivisions, or federally recognized Indian Tribes that have established and can demonstrate progress already made in the assessment, cleanup, and revitalization of brownfields in their community, State or Tribe.

Coalition of eligible entities are permitted to apply, but a single entity must be identified as the applicant. Additionally, a letter of support from each coalition member must be included as an attachment.

Applicants must meet threshold criteria, i.e., the minimum criteria, in order to be considered for an award. All threshold criteria must be met. The following is a synopsis of the threshold criteria: (1) demonstrate the commitment of the eligible entity to the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields; and (2) demonstrate the ability and legal authority of the eligible entity to manage a revolving loan fund and environmental cleanups;

Those applicants that meet the threshold criteria will then be evaluated based on their responses to the evaluation criteria. Applicants should address all of the evaluation criteria. Responses to the evaluation criteria will be utilized to determine whether to make an award, and the amount of funds to be awarded. All evaluation criteria are equally important. There is no guarantee of an award. The following is a synopsis of the evaluation criteria: (1) Demonstrate the need of the eligible entity; (2) demonstrate the commitment of the eligible entity to making loans and to creative leveraging of EPA financial assistance; (3) demonstrate the benefits of the BCRLF loans to the local community; (4) demonstrate the long-term benefits and sustainability of the proposed BCRLF.

Funding for the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots is authorized under Section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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U.S.-Mexico Border Grants; Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency is requesting grant

proposals from U.S. nongovernment organizations, municipalities, federally recognized tribes, communities, higher education facilities, and public schools for projects within the U.S.-Mexico Border Region, defined in the La Paz Agreement (1983) as that area within 100 km on either side of the inland and maritime U.S.-Mexico Border.

DATES: The original proposal plus one (1) copy must be mailed to the appropriate regional contact (see below) for the state in which the project will occur, no later than November 5, 2001. Proposals postmarked after that date will not be considered for funding. EPA expects to announce grant awards in January 2002. Applicants should anticipate project start dates no earlier than April 1, 2002. Grants will be managed separately by EPA staff in Region 6 and Region 9.

ADDRESSES: Grant Applications should be submitted to: Region 6 (TX, NM), Alfredo Coy, U.S.-Mexico Border Program (6PD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, Telephone: 214-665-2206; E-mail: <coy.alfredo@epa.gov>. Region 9 (CA, AZ): Dave Fege, Assistant Director, San Diego Border Liaison Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 610 West Ash Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Telephone: 619-235-4765, E-mail: <fege.dave@epa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Region 6 (TX, NM), Alfredo Coy, U.S.-Mexico Border Program (6PD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, Telephone: 214-665-2206; E-mail: <coy.alfredo@epa.gov>. Region 9 (CA, AZ): Dave Fege, Assistant Director, San Diego Border Liaison Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 610 West Ash Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Telephone: 619-235-4765, E-mail: <fege.dave@epa.gov>.

Additional copies of this grant application can be obtained through the EPA Border Liaison Offices located in El Paso (915-533-7273); San Diego (619-235-4765); or call 1-800-334-0741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

This is a regionally managed grants program whose goals and objectives directly relate to and are linked with the Border XXI Program. Successful grant applications will meet objectives of the Border XXI Program as outlined in the U.S.-Mexico Border XXI Program Framework Document and/or the annual Implementation Plans (1996, 1997-1998, 1998, & 1999). The mission

of the U.S.-Mexico Border XXI Program is to protect public health and natural resources, and encourage sustainable development along the U.S.-Mexico border. For purposes of this grants program, sustainable development is defined as "conservation oriented social and economic development that emphasizes the protection and sustainable use of resources, while addressing both current and future needs, and present and future impacts of human actions as defined in the Border XXI environmental program developed by U.S. and Mexican authorities (for further information see the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission Project Certification Criteria). This definition is based on the internationally accepted sustainable development definition from the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development: development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

A total of \$125,000 will be awarded in each of Regions 6 and 9. The maximum amount for any single grant award will be \$25,000.

Entities receiving grants under this program are required to contribute a minimum 5% matching share (in dollars or in-kind goods/services). For example, to calculate the minimum matching share for federal funding of \$25,000 use the following formula: $\$25,000 \div 95\% = 26,315.79$, subtract the grant amount from that figure, $\$26,315.79 - \$25,000 = \$1,315.79$.

The resulting figure, \$1,315.79, is applicant's matching share.

The U.S.-Mexico Border Grants Program strongly encourages partnering with community members, business, and government agencies to work cooperatively to identify and develop innovative, effective and efficient projects.

Eligibility

Applicants who are eligible to receive these grants include, but are not limited to, the following: U.S. county and city governments, U.S. councils of government, U.S. Indian tribes, U.S. community-based organizations (CBOs), and U.S. public schools and universities. Special consideration will be given to U.S. CBOs, public schools, community colleges, and nongovernment organizations who meet the above criteria and submit a complete proposal by the stated deadline.

No awards will be granted for the purchase of equipment for projects or for maintaining existing equipment.

Applicants must identify the environmental statute the project will